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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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GROUP 2833  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q68077

Masaru DEGUCHI

Appln. No.: 10/046,095

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For: GROUND CONNECTION STRUCTURE, GROUND CONNECTING MEMBER AND  
GROUND CONNECTION METHOD

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 24, 2004, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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**EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For						
All Claims	31	-	35	=		X	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent	11	-	9	=	2	X	\$88.00	=	\$176.00
TOTAL								=	\$176.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$176.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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